

b5

Sub  
C8

21. (New) A negative ion emitting apparatus comprising:  
a DC high-voltage power supply section;  
a first needle point metal electrode;  
a first load resistance section including carbon of approximately  $20 \Omega$  connecting the DC high-voltage power supply section to limit the first needle point metal electrode from emitting negative ions until a predetermined voltage is applied by the DC high-voltage power supply section.

22. (New) A negative ion emitting apparatus as in Claim 21 wherein a second needle point metal electrode and a second load resistance section including carbon is connected to the DC high-voltage power supply section and a common load resistance section is connected to the respective first and second load resistance sections in series with the DC high-voltage power supply section.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure to read as follows:

b6

A negative ion emitting method and an apparatus therefor for emitting negative ions with increased efficiency without generating ozone and positive ions while being simplified in structure. The apparatus includes a DC high-voltage power supply section and a discharge electrode section, between which a load resistance section is arranged so as to restrict flowing of electrons from the power supply section to the discharge electrode section.